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A LETTER ſent from the Inhabitants of HULL

To the Right Worſhipfull the high Sheriffe, and the reſt of the Gentry in the County of

YORKE,

Now attending his ſacred Maieſties pleaſure.

Together with His MAIESTIES Demands to the Gentry of YORKSHIRE, concerning the Towne of *Hull*, Anſwered by two ſeverall Parties.

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TO THE RIGHT WORshipfull the high Sheriffe, and the reſt of the Gentry, in the County of yorke, now attending his ſacred Maieſties pleaſure.

Gentlemen,

NOw (if ever) ſtand faſt, quit your ſelves as Fathers of your Countrey, let it appeare before God and all the World, that truly generous blood

runnes in your veines; Evidence in Gods Name, your heartiest loyalty and dearest affection to his most sacred Maiesty. But while you remember the King, forget not the Kingdome for the Lords sake; put not asunder those things which God hath so neerely ioyned together, oh consider the Honour, the cause of God, the good successe of this present Parliament, your lives, lawes, liberties, your temporall, your spirituall Welfare lye all bleeding this day at your owne feet, and earnestly supplicate your best assistance.

Tell us wee beseech you; shall we dye and you live? Can it possibly goe well with you, while ill with us? Is it not your owne cause and quarrell? Nay, GODS and the Kings which wee maintaine? Stand you not as much interessed, and as deepely ingaged to appeare, for God and the Kings Honour as wee our selves? Were we disposed to Recriminate, wee could Anathomize before God and man the worthlessnesse of those unreasonable men, who such the great Zealots, not onely for the ruine, but the Eclipsing of the Glory of this blessed Parliament.

But

But our intent onely is, to begge that at your hands which in Iuſtice you dare not, and in charity, (wee are ſure) ought not to deny us, and that's your helpe and utmoſt indeavour in this Nicke of our (wee had almoſt ſaid your) greateſt neceſſity. Be aſſured there was never a greater prize in your hands then at this time. In poore *Hull* are imbark'd two of the richeſt Jewells in the world. *Gods Truth*, and *Chriſtendomes Peace*: each of which in valuation farre exceed a Kings ranſome. Wee delight not in a needleſſe and ſuperfluous expence of words, and therefore we ſhall in ſhort tell you, what wee or rather God expects this day at all your hands. *viz.* That you (and that with inſtance) Petition His moſt Excellent Majeſty, to vouchſafe the influence of His Royall favour and gracious preſence to His Great Councell, the High Court of Parliament, the onely way, (in humane apprehenſion) to ſtanch the bleeding wounds of *Ireland* and diſtracted *England*.

That you now helpe the Lord againſt the mighty.

That with as humble boldneſſe you manifeſt your extreame unwillingneſſe to come in an hoſtile way againſt us, leaſt you bring guiltleſſe blood upon your owne heads, and and kindle ſuch a fire in *England*, as will never be quenched: Aſſure your ſelves, that

without much caution and greateſt circumſpection, you may raiſe up ſuch a ſpirit as will not be Conjured downe againe in haſte, Worthies. Ponder we beſeech you our preſent but ſad condition, ſet your ſelves before GODS awfull Barre, make our caſe your owne.

Let your Conſciences ſpeake; Would you betray ſo great a truſt committed to you, by ſo great a Councell? Would you that wee ſhould wound through your ſides Heaven and Earth? What you ſhall attempt againſt us, will in the reflection reſult upon God, the King, the Church, the State, your ſelves; Would you to ſatisfie a good King ſet open the Gates, and with the ſame curteſie gratefie a very bad company, who ſeeke nothing leſſe then either the ſafety of His Majeſties Royall Perſon and poſterity; or the ſecurity of His Dominions and Liege-people? Would you have us waſh our hands in your deareſt blood? In ſumme, would you have us render you the people of the Kings wrath? Wee are confident you would not; Doe then (according to the primordiall Law) as you would be done unto. Strike in wee beſeech you effectually whileſt you have time, put not God upon another courſe of deliverance, leaſt the Honour of *Yorkeſhire* be layd in the duſt for ever.

Oh!

Oh! Give us in this great ſtreight, reall teſtimony of your affections; and you ſhall for ever have the acknowledgement of the reall obligations of all

Your affectionate Friends and humble Servants, in the poore Towne of *Hull*.

His Majeſties Demands to the Gentry of *Yorkeſhire*, concerning the Towne of *Hull*, anſwered by two ſeverall Parties.

WE conceive that the ſubſtance of His Majeſties propoſition unto us the 30 of *Aprill*, conſiſted in theſe two particulars, firſt, to know, whether we would defend his Majeſties Royall Perſon from violence, or no, according to our duties, Secondly, To have our advice concerning his Majeſtie not being admitted into his Towne of *Hull*, and how his Majeſtie may be vindicated in his honour for that affront, and how he may be put into the poſſeſſion of his owne.

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The humble answer of those who Petitioned your Majesty the 30 *of* April, *and divers other Knights and Gentlemen.*

May it please Your most Excellent Maiesty,

WE shall be ready to defend his Maiesties person from violence, by all such wayes, as the Law and our duties binds us. And for the meanes to vindicate your Majesties honour, and to put you into the possession of your owne, We conceive that the best advice, that we can offer unto Your Majestie is, humbly to desire you to harken to the Councels of your Parliament, who (we assure our selves will be carefull of your *Maiesties* person, and honour, and to whom your *Maiesty* hath already beene pleased to direct a message to that purpose.

The humble answer of the Gentry of the Countie of YORKE.

ACcording to Your *Maiesties* command to Your *Majesties* proposition, we professe our willingnesse, as in duty we are bound to defend Your *Maiesties* Sacred Person, against all Forraigne and Domestick attempts, to the uttermost of our power, and as our allegiance binds us, And for the peeping of Your *Maiesties* honour, touching the busines of *Hull*, Your *Maiestie* being pleased to commend it to Your Parliament, the high Councell of Your Kingdome, we doe humbly crave pardon that we doe not interpose, But forasmuch as Your *Maiestie* may looke for a particular satisfaction at our hands, we humbly and heartily professe that we shall be ready to serve Your *Maiestie* in the same and all other occasions, with our lives and fortunes, as far as Your *Maiesty* shall be pleased legally to enable and command us.

Finis.